

UOW Community News

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Office of Community and Partnerships

Please keep us informed of your community engagement activities and initiatives so we can help to heighten awareness of this important aspect of the University's operations.

Contact: The Community Relations Coordinator on Ext.3110 or email: ocp@uow.edu.au.

UOW team wins 'City to Surf' fun run in tertiary category

The University's 300 strong team won this year's 'City to Surf' event in the tertiary sector category for the second time in three years. UOW team coordinator, John Montagner, said "this was our tenth year of entering a University team and a nice way to celebrate our participation". In 2004 we had the biggest corporate team and came first in the tertiary sector. In 2005 we came second. Our participation has grown from around 90 in 1997 to over 400 last year." The fastest runner in the UOW team was student Philippe Bouttefroy (47.54 minutes), followed by Ross Paul (55.34 minutes) and Gordon Waitt (58.09 minutes). Congratulations to all participants. Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0907b/index.html>



Part of the UOW contingent at the 2006 City to Surf Fun Run.

Campus Community Tours begin

The Office of Community & Partnerships has embarked on a new venture - running campus tours specifically for community groups. Two community tours were conducted in August. The first group, a contingent of 13 members from the Keiraville Uniting Church Friends Group visited the Wollongong campus on 25 August. The second group, the Bulli 'Older and Bolder' group with 33 representatives visited the campus on 31 August. The tour program included a visit to the Engineering thermo-dynamics laboratory where our visitors learnt about UOW's student-built racing cars, a visit to the Howard Worner rock and mineral collection with talks about the collection and the "hobbit" discovery at Flores, and a visit to the Faculty of Creative Arts galleries.



Thank you to Ron Marshall, Oliver Kennedy, Penny Williamson, Chris Turney, Tanya Barton and Glenn Barkley for their involvement with the tours. Thanks also to the three student helpers - Ben, Willo and Dane - who were great ambassadors for the University. The feedback from both groups was very positive.

< Ron Marshall, Operations and Workshop Manager from Engineering, speaking to members of the Keiraville Uniting Church Friends Group about the UOW Racing Team.

Presentation Event for Community Engagement Grants Scheme

The Presentation of Funding to selected University-Community Engagement Projects in 2006 will take place on Friday 22 September. Members of the University community and our community partners are invited to come along and learn more about the six projects selected for funding in 2006-07.

Time: 10:30am-12:00noon

Venue: Room 2 UniCentre Function Centre (Building 11)

Morning tea will be served

RSVP phone 4221 3110 or email jsulliva@uow.edu.au

All Welcome

Special Feature: Working together to make a difference

Forum investigates Indigenous health and education issues

A forum aimed to educate and inform students and staff, as well as the wider community, of the issues of Indigenous health and education was held recently on campus.

Topics covered included education, social justice and health.

The forum, entitled "Working Together to Make a Difference" attracted a ranger of key speakers and was opened by the former Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Colin Markham.

The forum was hosted by the Student Health Alliance for Rural Populations (SHARP), the Golden Key Society, Wollongong University Student Association, the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, the Wollongong Indigenous Students' Association, the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences and the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health.

Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0825b/index.html#>



Participants at the "Working Together To Make a Difference" Indigenous Health forum

David Suzuki returns to Wollongong

On his final Australian speaking tour, David Suzuki will speak at two local events in October – **Suzuki's Sustainable Future** on Saturday 14 October 7pm at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and **Suzuki's Journey to Sustainability** on Monday 16 October 7pm at the University Hall.

Wollongong City Council is the major sponsor of both events with the University also a minor sponsor. The event at the University will see Dr Suzuki talk about his personal journey over 70 years (signed copies of his autobiography will be on sale through the UniShop on the night). For more information and ticket bookings visit: www.Edenevents.com.au or phone 4221 8173.

Centre for Health Service Development – out and about in community care

The Centre for Health Service Development is one of the units identified as a UOW 'Research Strength' and operates under the Graduate School of Business. The Director Professor Kathy Eagar, established the Centre in 1993 when she moved her research interests to UOW from her position as a senior manager with responsibility for planning and service development in the (then) Illawarra Area Health Service. Since then the Centre has kept a focus on priority-driven research under a set of research themes including the coordination of care, the measurement of health outcomes and the description of consumer needs in the community sector.



The staff (pictured above) work on a number of the 25 projects and programs currently running through the Centre. Howard Hung looks after the data base functions and is busy with the Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre, Dave Fildes is working on palliative care and the evaluation of a Men's Shed with Healthy Cities Illawarra. Cheryl Blissett, Peter Siminski, Pam Grootemaat and Alan Owen are working on screening and assessment tools for community care clients and their carers. The links to the various projects can be found at the CHSD website

<http://www.uow.edu.au/commerce/chsd>

School history enrichment program

The teaching of history in schools has been a topic for recent debate with our own Dr Greg Melleuish involved in the *Australian History Summit* in Canberra. Now the University is making another contribution to boost students' history research skills and confidence. The UOW Library and the School of History & Politics will offer a HSC History Extension Seminar to local HSC students in November. This program builds on the success of the 2004 and 2005 seminars, which saw 210 students develop their knowledge of locally available history resources. This year it is expected that even more students will take part and benefit from the insights of UOW historians and students. For more information contact Amanada Smithers on 4221 3332 or email amandas@uow.edu.au

Upcoming Public Events



Public Lectures

19 Sept 6:30pm ALLAN SEFTON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Presented by Dr John Woinarski, who will speak on "Beyond the Pale: An ecological and land management perspective from Northern Australia". Venue: Room 1, UniCentre. Contact for more info/RSVP (by 13 Sept) Sandra Quin on (02) 4221 4134 or sandra@uow.edu.au

20 Sept 5:30- 6:30pm UNI IN THE BREWERY

'A controversial critique of the notion of the 'obesity epidemic' by Jan Wright, Faculty of Education. Venue: Five Islands Brewery. Contact: Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au

11 Oct 12:30pm: CONTEMPORARY ART, CRAFT AND THE AUDIENCE

Prof Amanda Lawson, Faculty of Creative Arts. Venue: Lecture Theatre 14.G01 Contact: Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au

17 Oct: 6:30pm THE 26th SIR RICHARD KIRBY LECTURE

Presented by Bill Shorten, the National Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union. McKinnon building (67) Room 104

Free Exhibitions

Until 16 Sept: UNICENTRE 17TH ANNUAL ACQUISITIVE ART AWARD Long Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

Until 25 Sept: SONIC ARCHITECTURES: Works in Progress Mapping the ancient theatre in image and sound with Diana Wood Conroy, Brogan Bunt, Diane Epoff and Stephen Ingham FCA Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

Performances

20-23 Sept 8pm: MAN IS MAN

By Bertolt Brecht, directed by Janys Hayes
The Performance Space, building 25, room 168.
Tickets \$15/ \$8 concession.

Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Conference

Students, staff, industry partners and members of the community are invited to attend the **Higher Degree Research Student Conference** to be held from 9.30am on Wednesday, 27 September 2006.

The conference provides research students with a the opportunity to present their work and for UOW to showcase the ground breaking research being undertaken at the University.

The keynote speaker will be Professor Gordon Wallace from the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute.

For more information visit:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/HDRconference/index.html>

Staff Profile

Helen Hasan

Position:

Associate Professor

Faculty/Unit:

School of Economics and Information Systems,
Faculty of Commerce



Interests:

- Family, particularly grandchildren in the future world and organisations they will inherit from us
- Networked communities within organisations and in society in general
- Finding and creating innovative socio-technical systems for work, learning, and fun.
- Taking an holistic Activity Theory perspective on how we do things mediated by tools and the community

Community Engagement Activities:

- Involved in the e-commerce collaboration between the staff and students of School of Economics and Information Systems and the Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation (see www.coomaditchie.org.au)
- Involved in the regional Community Technology Centres of NSW (Chairperson, Board of CTC@Ulladula 2002-204
- Work with young people through Vibewire and Foundation for Young Australia helping them to express themselves through networks on the issues and cultures which matter to them
- Contribute to better organisation processes and structures as a member of Australian Standards committees for Knowledge Management and Small Business
- Through the Activity Theory Usability Laboratory, at UOW, support research student and staff to form cooperative networks and take up new challenges, participating in World Usability Days and the Innovation Showcase
- Take a professional interest in local networking initiatives such as I3Net, Get Connected, the Illawarra Big Ideas Group, the Virtual Innovation Community, Futureworld.

[Note: if you are interested in being featured in the Staff Profile, contact ocp@uow.edu.au]